

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~DE 195 16 878 C1~~ DE 196 16 876 C1 discloses a rear trunk lid which covers a rear trunk of a vehicle and comprises a support frame, which is pivotally connected to the vehicle body and the lid is pivotally connected to the support frame. The pivot joints of the support frame and of the trunk lid are arranged at the rear and the front ends of the rear trunk lid so that the lid can be pivoted open from its rear end for accessing the trunk and also from its front end adjacent the interior vehicle space to provide a passage for the transfer of the removable vehicle roof for deposition in the trunk. For opening the trunk, the support frame remains in its rest position and only the trunk lid is pivoted about its pivot axis adjacent the interior vehicle space. For the transfer of the vehicle roof into the trunk however the lid remains locked to the support frame and both components are pivoted open about the rear pivot axis.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~DE 199 35 500 A1~~ DE 199 32 500 A1 discloses a rear trunk lid which, for loading or unloading the trunk, can be raised by pivoting about a four-link pivot joint disposed at the front end of the trunk lid adjacent the interior space of the vehicle and which can also be opened by pivoting about a rear four-link pivot joint disposed at the rear end of the trunk for depositing the vehicle roof in the trunk.

In the areas of the two four-link pivot joints, there are provided locking arrangements by way of which one of the four link joints can be released or, respectively, locked in order permit the lifting of one end of the trunk lid while the other is safely locked. The locking mechanisms are operated independently of each other. For an automatic operation, two separate operating mechanisms are therefore required each of which actuates one of the locking mechanisms. With manual operation, the respective locking mechanisms must both be operated individually by hand.